Extension of Four-Laning from Aluva to Tlirtssur

1347. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have a plan for extension of four-laning from Aluva to Thrissur; and

(b) if so, the details and cost of the project and at what stage is the project at present and by when it is likely to be taken up for construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for 4 laning of National Highway No. 47 from Angamali to Aluva. Land acquisition estimate for this stretch has already been sanctioned in June, 99 and the acquisition of land is presently in progress. Construction of the project shall be done by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) after Hnalisation of the detailed project report submitted by the State Government and subject to availability ot funds.

The 4 laning of the remaining length of NH-47 from Aluva to Thrissur will be considered after the result of the prioritisation study for the'entire North-South-East-West corridor, being carried out by NHAI are known. As such, the cost of the project and the construction schedule cannot be indicated at this stage.

Improvement of National Highways in Bihar

†1348. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to implement any specific scheme for improving National Highways in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†'Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.